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(57) Abstract

Novel compositions are provided for introducing into a cell, a nucleic acid molecule capable of modulating the genotype and phenotype. The gene can be introduced into a mammalian host by way of an expression vector either as naked DNA or conjugated to carriers, particularly cationic carriers. The conjugation is accomplished by means of an ethylene–containing moiety tethered to the nucleic acid molecule. The techniques and compositions find use in the palliation or treatment of any of a variety of genetic–based disorders.